

## **Notice of Agency Rule-Making Proposal**

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services, Community Services Programs

**RULE TITLE OR SUBJECT:** Repeal of 14-118 Chapter 4 Regulations for Licensing and Certifying of Substance Abuse Treatment Programs, and 14-118 Chapter 4A Regulations for Licensing of Private Non-medical Institutions Providing Residential Substance Abuse Treatment

Replace with 14-118 Chapter 5 Regulations for Licensing and Certifying of Substance Abuse Treatment Programs

**PROPOSED RULE NUMBER:** (LEAVE BLANK – ASSIGNED BY SECRETARY OF STATE)

**CONCISE SUMMARY (UNDERSTANDABLE BY AVERAGE CITIZEN):**

Changes in these regulations reflect changes in the delivery of services since the previous regulations were promulgated. There has been a great deal of change in the field of addiction medicine over the past ten years and these regulations update licensing requirements to reflect those changes. Some of the regulations have been changed to conform with changes in federal regulation as well.

They also make technical changes to coincide with the merger of the “Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services” (BDS) and the “Department of Human Services” (DHS) into the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Chapter 5 now has specific areas devoted strictly to Private Non-Medical Institutions (PNMI), thereby eliminating the need for two separate sets of regulations and making it easier on providers.

**THIS RULE WILL NOT HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

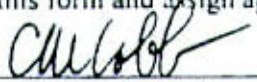
5 M.R.S.A. § 20005(6)  
22-A M.R.S.A. § 205(2)

**PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearing is scheduled. A public hearing will be held if requested by any five interested persons.

**DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS:** November 17, 2006

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APPROVED FOR PAYMENT  DATE: 12/19/06

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